(e) No targets are set for tourists (domestic and foreign) to visit Rajasthan. Tourist arrivals to the State in the last four years are as under:-

Year	Domestic	Foreign	Total
2005	1,87,87,298	11,31,164	199,18,462
2006	2,34,83,287	12,20,164	247,03,451
2007	2,59,20,529	14,01,042	273,21,571
2008 (up to June 08)	1,11,15,171	7,98,368	119,13,539

Archaeological exploration in Sri Lanka

†438. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the news "Rawan Ke Ghar Ram" released by Tourism Department of the Sri Lanka Government and telecasted by India TV on 17 January, 2008;

(b) whether Tourism Department of Sri Lanka has issued any information leaflet, C.D., etc. in respect of the above;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government of India together with Sri Lanka Government would conduct archaeological exploration/ investigations in respect of characters/ tourist sites related to the story of Sri Ram?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) During the South Asia Tourism and Travel Exchange held in Delhi from April 18-20, 2008, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Board had distributed compact discs and brochures promoting destinations related to Ramayana trail in Sri Lanka.

(d) No Such proposal is under consideration.

Pending tourism projects in Rajasthan

†439. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of several projects pending with Government for sanction relating to the development and promotion of tourism in Rajasthan, project-wise;

(b) the necessary action taken by Government so far for sanctioning these proposals; and

(c) by when several tourist related projects of the State will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance to project proposals

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.